



Senator Dr. Michael Rhett

Senate District 33



Senator Michael Rhett was first elected to the state Senate in 2014 to represent a portion of Cobb County. He is the first African American to be elected to the state Senate from Cobb County.

Senator Rhett is member of the Retirement, Banking and Financial Institutions, Economic Development and Tourism, and Veterans, Military and Homeland committees.

Senator Rhett has an Associate Degree Community College of the United States Air Force in Administrative Management, a Bachelor's Degree in Communications and Afro-American Studies from the State University of New York, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Education from the University of Central Oklahoma, a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Central Oklahoma, a Specialist's Degree in Educational Leadership from Georgia State University and a Doctorate's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Georgia.

Senator Rhett currently serves as a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force Reserves at Dobbins Air Force Reserve Base in Marietta, Georgia, where he manages personnel, prepares young people for leadership and works as a training instructor for the 700th Airlift Squadron. As part of his 25 years of enlisted service, he has received the United States Air Force Meritorious Service Medal.

Senator Rhett was born in public housing on 125 Street in the borough of Harlem in New York, New York.

In his civilian life, Senator Rhett was a Vocational, Educational and Instructional Coordinator at Jefferson Place and City of Refuge. The organizations give homeless men and battered homeless women a second chance at life by creating a curriculum that emphasizes vocational and personal development. Combining classes about job seeking skills, basic computer skills, and co-facilitated substance abuse recovery classes, students are able to find housing, jobs, and open a new bank account with Capitol City Bank. The organization is location in the city of Atlanta's English Avenue "Bluff" Community. Also, each week volunteers went into the local metro jails recruited ex-offenders and enrolled them as students in Senator Rhett's program.

Senator Rhett was the Jr. Vice Commander of American Legion Post 296. Among the various community committees he serves on, he is a member of the Cobb County NAACP, Cobb County SCLC, Austell Community Taskforce, Powder Springs Economic Development Committee, Six Flags Drive Stakeholder Economic Community Development Committee and the Cobb County Commission of the Children & Youth.

Senator Rhett is a trustee for Turner Chapel AME Church in Marietta, Georgia.